

Appl. No. 10/014,310

REMARKS

Claims 32-40, 42, 43, 47-55, 57, 58, 61, 68-75, and 83 are pending in the application with new claim 83 added herein.

New claim 83 sets forth tantalum metal containing a texture in which a {100} pole figure has a center peak intensity of about 17 random. Applicant asserts that the subject matter of claim 83 is supported at least by Fig. 4, page 4, lines 11-12, and page 11, lines 14-22 of the present specification. Referring to Fig. 4, the tick mark labels "100 (1*mrd)" and "1716 max" appear in the legend. Accordingly, as known to those of ordinary skill, the legend indicates that an intensity of 100 is equal to one multiple of random, a standard texture strength unit. Since 100 in the legend corresponds to 1 random, 1716 corresponds to 17.16 random. It is apparent from Fig. 4 that the center peak intensity occurring at the three vertices of the quarter-circle diagram is about 17 random. At least for such reason, the present specification adequately supports new claim 83.

Applicant requests consideration of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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